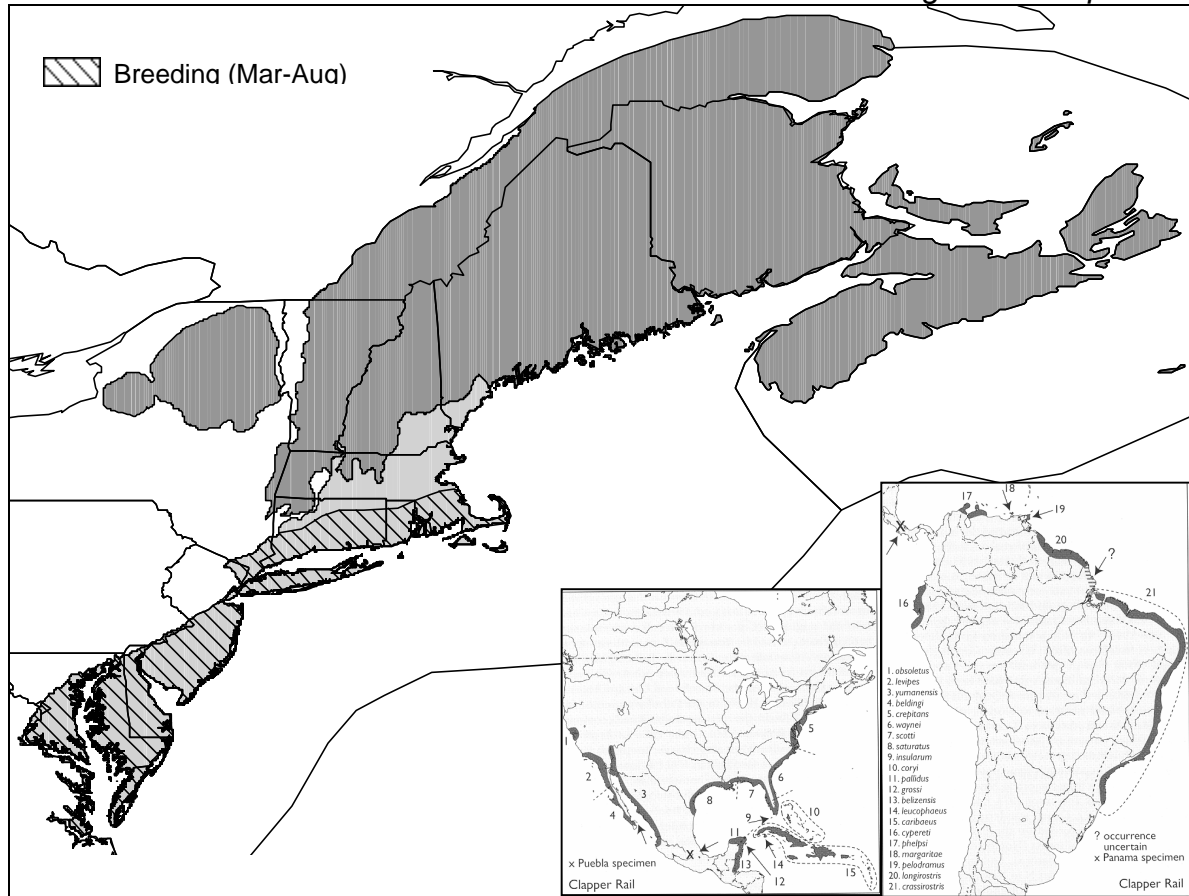


# CLAPPER RAIL

*Rallus longirostris crepitans*



## Regional Occurrence (BCRs 14, 30)

- Distribution: breeds in BCR 30
- Habitats used: salt/brackish marshes and mangrove swamps; freshwater marshes with dense vegetation; nests on ground with dead herbage or under small bush; also raised above ground in grass tufts or rush clumps

PIF BD=3; PIF ND=3

## Regional Abundance

- 1990s population size: US—unknown; CAN—0
- Historical population size: unknown
- % change in regional population: unknown

PIF RA=4; PIF PT=3

## Regional Threats

- Pesticides/contaminants, degradation of habitat, shooting/trapping as hunted game bird in US
- Collision with stationary and moving objects (TV towers, lighthouses, wires, fences, vehicles)
- Disturbance through research and introduction of exotic predator species; mammalian predators

PIF TB=3; PIF TN=3

## Conservation Status: Abundance (b=breeding, nb=nonbreeding, t=total individuals) and Conservation Rank

Global	North America	BCR 14	BCR 30	Mid-Atlantic	S. New England	Gulf of Maine	Maritimes
?	?	?b	?b	?b	?b	?b	0b
IUCN – Not Evaluated	NAWCP- Moderate Concern	Moderate (PI=?)	Moderate (PI=?)	NJ-S5; DE-S5; MD-S3S4B, S3N; VA-S5	NY-S3; CT-S3B, SZN; RI-S1B, S2N; MA-S?; VT-no info	MA-S?; NH- no info; ME-S1?N; NB, NS - no info	QC- no info; NB- no info PE- no info; NS- no info

**Conservation Needs:** *Sustainability:* 4.9-5.8 juveniles / adult; *Density and Foraging habitat:* 2.2-4.7 individuals / ha; 8.4 ind / ha; 0.9-0.79 ind / ha; forages within emergent vegetation or mangroves, or along edges between marsh and mudflats; locations of fiddler crabs; *Issues:* Continued implementation of wetland protection laws is the most effective management technique for Clapper Rails. Tidal restoration and open-marsh water management would also be necessary and translocation to increase genetic variation of certain species has also been shown to be beneficial.; *Needs:* monitoring, call-back survey; ID key habitat and restore; *Population Goals:* census ; *Habitat Goals:* respond to habitat enhancement